

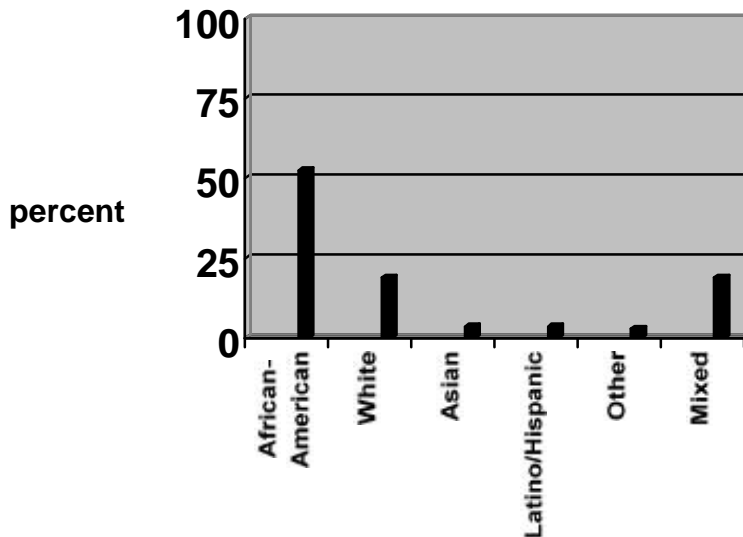
Attributes of Youth Gangs in North Carolina's Schools: Age

The average gang member within the schools was 16 years old with the average youngest age being 13 and the average oldest age being 19 years. Of the 1,183 gang members which were identified by the SRO's 783, or 66.1 percent, were 13 years old or younger.

Attributes of Youth Gangs in North Carolina's Schools: Race/Ethnicity

The racial and ethnic composition of the gang members in the schools varied from those gangs found within the community with a larger percentage of African-American gang members being reported as existing within the state's public schools (52.4 % versus 33.1%). School gangs were found to be more homogenous with only 18.9 percent of the reported gangs being identified as possessing members of more than one racial or ethnic group. White youth gangs constituted 18.9 percent of the sample with Asian and Latino gangs representing 3.5 percent each (Refer to Figure 16).

Figure 16. Racial/Ethnic Composition of Gangs in the Schools



Attributes of Youth Gangs in North Carolina's Schools: Gender